

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner Hanh V. Tran	Art Unit 3637

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 6/30/2004.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9 and 21-39.
3. The drawings filed on 15 January 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date <u>3/15/04</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____. 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to applicant's amendment filed on 6/30/2004.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-9, and 21-39 are allowed. Claims 21-39 have been renumbered 10-28, respectively.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest, and there is no reason to combine the prior art to provide, in combination with all the elements recited in each of the independent claims, at least one two-armed lever (13, 30, 56) which is structured and arranged to be pivotally mounted to a side body part (8) around a horizontal pivot axle (12) and having a longer arm (15) linked to said lower leaf (5) and a shorter arm (16), a compression spring element (20) having one end pivotally connected to said body part (8) and an opposite end pivotally connected to said lever (13, 30, 56), said lever being guided in a longitudinally displaceable manner on said pivot axle (12), a cam guide (9) fixed to said body part (8), and a slide block or roller (17) for guiding said shorter arm (16) in said cam guide (9).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

4. In response to applicant's remarks on page 11 of the Remarks section regarding the drawing, although Box 10 of the Office Action Summary was checked, Box 10 (a) was also checked to indicate that the drawing is accepted.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hanh V. Tran whose telephone number is (703) 308-6302. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, and alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on (703) 308-2486. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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